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1. KOREAN MINISTER SHIN, KEE HEUM TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 24 OF A QUAI ACCOUNT OF THE FRANCO/CHINESE CONVERSATIONS IN PEKING CONCERNING KOREA WHICH DIFFERED FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REF B. ACCORDING TO SHIN, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHUNG, IL YUNG THAT POMPIDOU HAD RAISED KORA WITH CHOU EN-LAI. POMPIDOU SAID GOF WELCOMED THE DIALOUGE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND NOTED THAT NOW, WHEN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE BEGINNING TO SHOW THEMSELVES MORE OPEN TOWARD THE ROK AS PART OF THE FAR EAST DETENTE, THE PRC SHOULD ADOPT A NEW, MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ROK. CHOU REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON KOREAN PROBLEM, BUT DID NOT REFER DISPARAGINGLY TO ROK.
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2. FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD CHUNG THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE EXCHANGE, HE HAD A VERY LONG COVERSATION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAO KUAN-HUA ABOUT THE KOREAN PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE ISSUES BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS.FROMENT-MEURICE EVEN SUGGESTED TO CH'IAO THAT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL CONTACTS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE PRC AND ROK, FOR EXAMPLE IN PARIS.

3. EXPLANATION OF DISCREPANCY WITH DUZER'S ACCOUNT (REF B) IS PROBABLY THAT FROMENT-MEURICE'S VERSION DRAWS ON CONVERSATIONS AT WHICH DUZER WAS NOT PRESENT, AND NOT JUST ON THE THREE FORMAL SESSIONS.

4. FROMENT-MEURICE THOUGHT THE CHINESE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE CONCERNING THE DISOLUTION OF UNCURK OR ANY REFERENCE TO NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE IN A UNGA RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, CHINA WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADMISSION TO TWO KOREAS. FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD CHUNG THAT HE THOUGHT THE ROK COULD NONETHELESS OBTAIN A MAJORITY IN A UNGA VOTE ON THIS ASPECT OF A RESOLUTION, BUT ADVISED THE ROK TO ADOPT A SOFTER FORMULA. AS FOR UN COMMAND, WHEN FROMENT-MEURICE SUGGESTED TO CH'IAO THAT MATTER BE REFERRED TO SECURITY COUNCIL, LATTER SAID "THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE".

5. ACCORDING TO SHIN, FRENCH SAID THEIR DELEGATION TO UNGA WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE DISCRETION CONCERNING FINAL FRENCH POSITIONS. SHIN WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH QUAI OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 25 AND WILL LET US KNOW IF ANYTHING NEW EMERGES.
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